

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A driving force receiving member for receiving a driving force from an image forming apparatus, comprising:

5 a driving force receiving portion for receiving the driving force from a driving force applying portion of the image forming apparatus,

wherein said driving force receiving portion is movable relative to the driving force applying portion to permit engagement and disengagement
10 relative to the driving force applying portion;

wherein said driving force receiving portion is provided with a surface fastener.

15 2. A driving force receiving member according to Claim 1, wherein the driving force applying portion is provided with a surface fastener engageable with the surface fastener of said driving force receiving portion.

20 3. A driving force receiving member according to Claim 2, wherein each of said surface fasteners of said driving force applying portion and said driving force receiving portion has a plurality of
25 projections, and said projections of said driving force applying portion and said projections of said driving force receiving portion are engageable with

each other.

4. A driving force receiving member according to Claim 3, wherein the protections of the surface fastener of said driving force applying portion and said driving force receiving portion are thick at free end portions than at base end portions.

5. A driving force receiving member according to Claim 3, wherein one of the protections of said driving force receiving portion and the projections of said driving force applying portion are in the form of loops and the other of them are in the form of hooks.

6. A driving force receiving member Claim 3, wherein projections of said surface fasteners of said driving force applying portion and said driving force receiving portion have configurations of frustum of pyramid.

7. A driving force receiving member Claim 3, wherein free end portions of the projections of said surface fasteners of said driving force applying portion and said driving force receiving portion are rounded.

8. A driving force receiving member Claim 3,

wherein the projections of said surface fasteners of said driving force applying portion and said driving force receiving portion are elastically deformable.

5 9. A driving force receiving member according to Claim 3, wherein one of said driving force applying portion and said driving force receiving portion these provided with an indexing projection, and the other of them this provided with a recess engageable with said
10 projection.

10 10. A driving force receiving member according to Claim 9, wherein said projection and said recess are disposed substantially at the center of rotations of
15 said driving force applying portion and said driving force present time.

20 11. A driving force receiving member according to Claim 2, wherein at least one of said driving force applying portion and said driving force receiving portion is provided with a projected portion which surround the associated one of said surface fasteners.

25 12. A driving force receiving member according to Claim 11, wherein said projected portion is provided at its free end portion a bent portion.

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13. A driving force receiving member according to Claim 11, wherein said projected portion is provided at its free end portion with a folded-back portion.

5 14. A driving force receiving member according to any one of Claims 1-13, wherein said driving force receiving member is provided in a developer container for supplying a developer to a developer receiving device of the main assembly of the image forming apparatus, the developer container being detachably
10 mountable to the main assembly of the image forming apparatus.

15 15. A driving force receiving member according to Claim 11, wherein said developer container includes a developer accommodating portion provided with an opening for permitting supply of the developer into the developer receiving device, for accommodating the developer, and a sealing portion for unsealably
20 searing said opening.

25 16. A driving force receiving member according to Claim 15, wherein said driving force receiving portion is provided in said sealing portion, and said developer container includes a transmitting portion for transmitting a rotational driving force received by said driving force receiving portion.

17. A driving force receiving portion according to Claim 16, wherein said sealing portion is movable in a direction of an axis of rotation relative to said transmitting portion between a first position for
5 sealing center opening and a second position for opening set opening.

18. A driving force receiving member according to Claim 17, wherein said driving force receiving portion
10 is engaged with said transmitting portion when said sealing portion takes the second position

19. A driving force receiving member according to Claim 18, wherein the developer is fed to the opening
15 from an inside of said accommodating portion by rotation of said accommodating portion by the driving force transmitted to said transmitting portion from said driving force receiving portion.

20. A driving force receiving member according to any one of Claims 1-13, wherein said driving force receiving member is provided in an image bearing member unit comprising an image bearing member, and said image bearing member is rotated by the driving
25 force received by said driving force receiving portion, said image bearing member unit is detachably mountable to the image forming apparatus.

21. A driving force receiving member according to Claim 20, wherein said image bearing member unit is provided with a transmitting portion for transmitting the driving force received by said driving force receiving portion to said image bearing member.

22. A driving force receiving member according to Claim 20, wherein said image bearing member unit includes developing means for developing a latent image on said image bearing member.

23. A driving force receiving member according to Claim 20, wherein said image bearing member unit includes charging means for charging a surface of said image bearing member.

24. A driving force receiving member according to Claim 20, wherein said image bearing member unit includes cleaning means for cleaning a surface of said image bearing member.

25. A driving mechanism for an image forming apparatus, comprising:

a driving force receiving member including a driving force receiving portion for receiving a driving force from a driving force applying portion of the image forming apparatus; a driving force receiving

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member including a driving force receiving portion for receiving a driving force from a driving force applying portion of the image forming apparatus;

5 wherein said driving force receiving portion is movable relative to the driving force applying portion to permit engagement and disengagement relative to the driving force applying portion; wherein said driving force receiving portion is movable relative to the driving force applying portion to permit engagement and disengagement relative to the driving force applying portion;

10 wherein said driving force applying portion and said driving force receiving portion are provided with respective surface fasteners.

15 26. A driving mechanism according to Claim 25, wherein each of said surface fasteners of said driving force applying portion and said driving force receiving portion has a plurality of projections, and said protections of said driving force applying portion and said projections of said driving force receiving portion are engageable with each other.

25 27. A driving mechanism according to Claim 26, wherein the protections of the surface fastener of said driving force applying portion and said driving force receiving portion are thick at free end portions

than at base end portions.

28. A driving mechanism according to Claim 26,
wherein one of the protections of said driving force
5 receiving portion and the projections of said driving
force applying portion are in the form of loops and
the other of them are in the form of hooks.

29. A driving mechanism according to Claim 26,
10 wherein projections of said surface fasteners of said
driving force applying portion and said driving force
receiving portion have configurations of frustum of
pyramid.

30. A driving mechanism according to Claim 26,
15 wherein free end portions of the projections of said
surface fasteners of said driving force applying
portion and said driving force receiving portion are
rounded.

31. A driving mechanism according to Claim 26,
wherein the projections of said surface fasteners of
said driving force applying portion and said driving
20 force receiving portion are elastically deformable.

32. A driving mechanism according to Claim 26,
25 wherein one of said driving force applying portion and

said driving force receiving portion these provided with an indexing projection, and the other of them this provided with a recess engageable with said projection.

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33. A driving mechanism according to Claim 32, wherein said projection and said recess are disposed substantially at the center of rotations of said driving force applying portion and said driving force present time.

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34. A driving mechanism according to Claim 26, wherein at least one of said driving force applying portion and said driving force receiving portion is provided with a projected portion which surround the associated one of said surface fasteners.

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35. A driving mechanism according to Claim 34, wherein said projected portion is provided at its free end portion a bent portion.

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36. A driving mechanism according to Claim 34, wherein said projected portion is provided at its free end portion with a folded-back portion.

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37. A driving mechanism according to any one of Claims 25-36, wherein said driving force receiving

member is provided in a developer container for
supplying a developer to a developer receiving device
of the main assembly of the image forming apparatus,
the developer container being detachably mountable to
5 the main assembly of the image forming apparatus.

38. A driving mechanism according to Claim 37,
wherein said developer container includes a developer
accommodating portion provided with an opening for
10 permitting supply of the developer into the developer
receiving device, for accommodating the developer, and
a sealing portion for unsealably sealing said opening.

39. A driving mechanism according to Claim 38,
15 wherein said driving force receiving portion is
provided in said sealing portion, and said developer
container includes a transmitting portion for
transmitting a rotational driving force received by
said driving force receiving portion.

40. A driving mechanism according to Claim 39,
wherein said sealing portion is movable in a direction
of an axis of rotation relative to said transmitting
portion between a first position for sealing center
25 opening and a second position for opening set opening.

41. A driving mechanism according to Claim 40,

wherein said driving force receiving portion is engaged with said transmitting portion when said sealing portion takes the second position.

5 42. A driving mechanism according to Claim 41, wherein the developer is fed to the opening from an inside of said accommodating portion by rotation of said accommodating portion by the driving force transmitted to said transmitting portion from said
10 driving force receiving portion.

43. A driving mechanism according to any one of Claims 25-36, wherein said driving force receiving member is provided in an image bearing member unit comprising an image bearing member, and said image
15 bearing member is rotated by the driving force received by said driving force receiving portion, said image bearing member unit is detachably mountable to the image forming apparatus.

20 44. A driving mechanism according to Claim 43, wherein said image bearing member unit is provided with a transmitting portion for transmitting the driving force received by said driving force receiving
25 portion to said image bearing member.

45. A driving mechanism according to Claim 43,

wherein said image bearing member unit includes
developing means for developing a latent image on said
image bearing member.

5 46. A driving mechanism according to Claim 43,
wherein said image bearing member unit includes
charging means for charging a surface of said image
bearing member.

10 47. A driving mechanism according to Claim 43,
wherein said image bearing member unit includes
cleaning means for cleaning a surface of said image
bearing member.

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